

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
744 P Street, M/S 19-31
Sacramento, California 95814

PLEASE SEND YOUR REPLY
TO

RE: Adoption of
Born
By

COURT REPORT DUE_____

May we request your assistance in interviewing the (natural mother/alleged natural father and/or presumed father/or parents) of the above child, concerning (her/his/their) wish to consent to this adoption. Since this placement was made without the help of an adoption agency, our department is required to submit a report to the_____ Superior Court with our recommendation concerning the suitability of the petitioner's
(COUNTY)
home and whether or not the child is legally free for adoption.

For a child to be adopted in California, the rights of the parents must be terminated. The alleged natural father has the right to be heard in court and a determination made as to his legal rights to the child unless he waives such rights, denies paternity, or consents to the adoption.

The Paragraphs Pertinent To This Request Are Checked

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- The placement was made by the parent in California in accordance with California law and the parent subsequently moved to your State.
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- The petitioners report that they traveled to your State and received the child from_____.
- ☐
- We are informed that arrangements were made for the placement of the child in this home by_____
- _____ on _____.
- ☐
- We would like the parent(s) version about why and how the placement was arranged and whether the parent(s) met the petitioners. Did the petitioners pay any expenses other than the medical bills? Any additional information you can send us will be greatly appreciated.
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- We are informed that the natural parent(s) is/are now living alone/with_____
- _____.

(PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES)

We understand the parent(s) wish(es) any correspondence be sent to (her/him/them) in a plain envelope. Enclosed is a copy of a letter we have written to the parent(s).

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- As we all know, detailed information about the natural parents, physical description, and medical and background information may be very important to the child in future years. This information is collected on the "Information About the Birthmother" (AD 67) and the "Information About the Birthfather" (AD 67A) forms. It is important that the mother's full marital history be completed, including date(s), city(ies), and state(s) and name(s) of present and former spouse(s). Her marital history will be verified by us to determine whose consent to the adoption are needed.
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- We are enclosing the consent form(s) and other necessary paper(s). The (natural mother/alleged father, father/parents) should read the Statement of Understanding and sign it before signing the consent. Please have the consents signed in their legal names and any other name(s) by which (she/he/they) (is/are) currently known. Please obtain proper means of identification (e.g., driver's license or other official identification card, etc.) with the legal name. Two copies of the consent(s) must be notarized and returned to us. The (natural mother/alleged father, father/parents) may have the third copy of the consent and the second copy of the Statement of Understanding if (she/he/they) wish(es). Will you advise the (natural mother/alleged father, father/parents) that (she/he/they) remain(s) legally responsible for the child until the adoption is granted by the court. For this reason, in case the adoption is not completed, we must have a permanent address where the parent(s) can be reached.
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- Please ascertain if the (mother/alleged father, father/parents) (has/have) had any psychiatric treatment or hospitalization. If so, please secure competency statement before consents are signed: (a) if parent had therapy, secure statement from psychiatrist (signed within the last 30 days), or (b) if mental hospital, secure statement verifying discharge if within the past two years and legal restoration of competency, if it has been removed by court action.
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- Please discuss the finality of signing consent with the parent(s). Once the consent is signed the parent has 90 days during which he/she may revoke the consent. The parent may waive the right to revoke the consent by signing the "Waiver of Right to Revoke Consent" form(AD 929) in the presence of one of the persons indicated on the form.
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- In view of the Indian Child Welfare Act, Public Law 95-608, please do not take the parent's consent if she states she is of American Indian descent. Instead, complete **Information on American Indian Child**, Form AD 4311, and return it to our office. The form will be reviewed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs before you will be asked again to take the consent, as it may be necessary for the consent to be signed in the court in the presence of a judge.

IF NATURAL FATHER IS NOT THE LEGAL FATHER:

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- Please discuss with the natural mother the need to know the name of the alleged natural father and how he may be contacted. If he is in your area, we would appreciate your interviewing him in relation to his thinking about adoption for the minor. If he agrees to the adoption plan, please have him sign the consent in the same manner as the natural mother.
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- If the alleged natural father refuses to consent, or neither confirms nor denies paternity, he and the natural mother shall be advised that the natural mother or the petitioners are then required to file a petition with the court to determine the necessity of the alleged natural father's consent to the adoption. Therefore, it will be necessary for the natural mother to complete the enclosed Declaration of Mother (AD 880).
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- If you interview the alleged natural father and he denies paternity, please have him sign, in duplicate, the enclosed Denial of Paternity. If the alleged natural father refuses to sign a consent, or a denial of paternity, will you please request him to sign, in duplicate, the enclosed Waiver of Right to Further Notice of Adoption Planning Form AD 590.

END OF NATURAL FATHER SECTION

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- We are submitting the following information concerning the petitioners, which is to be given to the parent(s), if (she/he/they) wish(es):
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- The man petitioner is _____ years of age, of _____ descent, and _____ religion. He completed _____ grade and is employed as (an/a)_____.
- ☐
- The woman petitioner is _____ years of age, of _____ descent, and _____ religion. She completed _____ grade and is employed as (an/a)_____.
- ☐
- The couple was married on_____. They have _____ children of their own. The age(s) of the child(ren) is/are _____.
- ☐
- The family's annual income is approximately _____.
- ☐
- The child is cared for by _____ while the parent(s) is/are at work.
- ☐
- OR:
- ☐
- Our study of the home is not yet complete, but we have seen them and our first impression of them, as adopting parents, is favorable. They seem to be genuinely attached to the child and say he/she is happy and in good health.
- The mother/alleged father might wish to know the child has _____
- _____.

Thank you for your prompt attention and cooperation in helping us meet the legal deadline.

Sincerely,

Adoptions Caseworker

- Enclosures:
- Consent Form (AD 1A/1C/166/594)

Statement of Understand (AD 887)

Information About Birthmother (AD 67)

Information about Birthfather (AD 67A)

Declaration of Mother (AD 880)

Refusal to Consent (AD 20)

Waiver of Right to Revoke Consent (AD 929)

Denial of Paternity (AD 588)

Waiver of Right to Further Notice of Adoption Planning (AD 590)

Information on American Indian Child (AD 4311)

Psychosocial and Medical History (AD 512)

Other: